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# Next City Meeting Thursday February 12th City Hall

at 7.30 pm

# Notes from the Mayor, No. 43

There is a lot going on in the community.

I hope that everyone is well and enduring the winter.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting on Thursday, February 12th.

Sean Fore Mayor

**Recycling-** EVERY Tuesday **Trash-** ONLY Tuesday, every week

Yard Waste- EVERY Monday, year-round

# Snow and Ice are right around the corner No on street parking in bad weather



Hurstbourne Acres Ordinance #4 Series 2008 was adopted for times when snow is predicted to fall in the amount equal to or greater than 2 inches. It states that all cars parked on Hurstbourne Acres streets must be moved or they can be towed at the owner's expense.

Please allow the snow removal equipment to do its job. PARK IN YOUR DRIVEWAY.

Snow Removal Commissioner Renninger

# Golden Watch By Commissioner Renninger



#### **IRS Tax Scam**

As the tax season approaches so do the tax scammers here are a few things for you to remember;

- 1. The IRS does not initiate contact with taxpayers over the phone, or by email, text messages or social media.
- 2. Scammers use fake names and IRS badge numbers. They are generally common names and surnames to identify themselves.
- 3. Scammers spoof the IRS toll-free number on caller ID to make it appear that it is the IRS calling.
- 4. Victims hear background noise of other calls being conducted to make it seem real.
- After threatening victims with jail time or driver's license revocation, scammers sometimes hang up and others call back pretending to be local police or DMV and the caller ID supports their claim.
- 6. Never give out your personal or credit card information to anyone over the phone.

If you get a phone call from someone claiming to be the IRS, here's what you can do.

If you do not owe taxes or have never received a tax bill you can call the IRS at 1.800.829.1040 or call Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at 1.800.366.4484.

The IRS will always contact you via the US mail. The IRS encourages taxpayers to be vigilant against phone and email scams that use the IRS as a lure.

Remember you can always contact the Hurstbourne

Acres Police Department they are always willing to help.

#### Flowers & Condolences

AS of January 1, 2015 Commissioner Donna Nicholas has begun to take care of sending floral arrangements when a city resident has died. Please contact her when any information either by phone 502 491-7670 or by email at donnamnicholas@twc.com.

#### **Parks and Recreation**

I would like to thank the residents of the City of Hurstbourne Acres for electing me to the position of commissioner. As the commissioner of parks and recreation I will focus on two primary goals. First, I would like to ensure the safety and usability of Stanley B. Welch City Park. Secondly, I would like to promote positive recreational activities that actively engage all residents.

In order to ensure the safety and usability of the park and equipment, I conduct a weekly walk through of the park. Here is a summary of my walk through for January.

- All park playground equipment passed visual inspection for safety.
- Park trash was collected.
- Small branches and brush was removed from park and properly disposed.
- Portable toilet was removed.
- Contents and condition of items in storage were checked and passed inspection.
- Picnic tables and grounds were checked and passed inspection.
- NOTE: As I disposed of the park trash, I noticed some damage to trash can lids. I will recommend that it be replaced in order to avoid a potential safety hazard. I will address this issue at the February city meeting.

-Troy Eskridge, commissioner

## **Sanitation**

- I have completed the two and 1/2 day 2015 city official's academy in Lexington.
- I spoke with Bryan Slade from Eco-Tec advised him I needed an updated Insurance certificate.
- I do want to remind our citizens if you're 65 or older or on total disability don't forget to take advantage of the homestead property tax exemption which is around \$37,000.

I also want to thank Sally Price for sharing her sanitation knowledge and information. As well I want to thank the voters that supported me in November I'm proud to be your voice in our city

Terry McAllister Commissioner

#### Message from Hurstbourne Acres Police Department

On January 2, 2015 the Hurstbourne Acres Police Department completed all of the standards set forth by the Kentucky Law Enforcement Professional Standards Committee, and was recommended to receive its second Certificate of Accreditation. The Kentucky Association Chiefs of Police (KACP), Accreditation program allows accredited agencies to demonstrate they have met accepted standards for efficient and effective operations. The Accreditation also allows our City to receive a discount on liability insurance through the Kentucky League of Cities. Only a handful of departments in the entire State of Kentucky have received this designation. I would like to thank Mayor Fore, and the entire City Commission for their support of our endeavors. I would especially like to thank Commissioner Renninger, and Sgt. Michael Moore for all of their long hours they put in on this lengthy process. We started preparations in July, and finished in mid-December.

"Hurstbourne Acres is a gem, one of Jefferson County's best kept secrets". That is what one of my friend's brother told me in a casual conversation. He owns a development company and attends most zoning meetings in Jefferson County, and surrounding counties. That is the general consensus about how Hurstbourne Acres is portrayed.

I personally think what makes Hurstbourne Acres special are the Citizens themselves.

I have witnessed the following:

- 1.) Neighbors cutting the grass of ill or incapacitated neighbors
- 2.) Helping an elderly lady retrieve her dog after it got out of her fence
- 3.) Retired resident taking the time to help out a lady with her leaky plumbing
- 4.) Residents that volunteer to drive others to the polls on election day
- 5.) All of the cookies, cupcakes, and other baked goods that are sent to our office
- 6.) Helping neighbors with their garbage cans I am sure there are many other acts that I have overlooked.

At the end of last year I totaled up all of our stats. We have very little crime compared to other Cities in our area. The trash is picked up, streets are cleared in the winter, and you have a nice quiet peaceful park. Life is good. But, (you knew a but was coming) on the rare occasion We (the Police) get called on a dispute between neighbors. As big as the Kentucky Penal Code is there are just some things that aren't covered. It doesn't mean we are not empathetic to your issue, it is just there is only so much we can do legally. What one might not consider a big deal, might very well be a big deal to someone else.

So I would like to encourage everyone to think before you blow grass or leaves onto someone else's lawn, cleaning up after your pets, how your outside lights might affect someone else's sleep, or even how long you leave your garbage cans out on the street. The above might not be in the law books but can be found in the Good Book, "Love your neighbor as yourself" Just because you have a right to do something, doesn't necessarily mean you have to exercise that right. My goal is to have peace and harmony in the neighborhood.

One last side note: Please keep your car doors locked. This month we took 5 calls from residents on Cardwell who had their cars rummaged through. Also this is tax season. Please remember that the IRS will not contact you by phone or email, only by US Mail.

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#### CITY OF HURSTBOURNE ACRES

January 8, 2015 Minutes

The regular meeting of the City Commission was called to order at 7:30 PM on January 8, 2015 at the meeting room of the Hurstbourne Acres City Hall/Police Department, 1916 Hurstbourne Circle, Louisville, Kentucky, with the following persons present;

Sean Fore, Mayor
Teresa Renninger, Commissioner
Troy Eskridge, Commissioner
Donna Nichols, Commissioner
Terry McAllister, Commissioner
Rusty Bittle, Police Chief
Steve Emery, City Attorney
Sharon Hollkamp, Treasurer
Sara Beth Brown, Resident
Jason Brown, Resident
Kay Eskridge, Resident
Doug Rogers, Resident
Lenny Miles, Resident
Brent Renninger, Resident

#### **December 11, 2014 Minutes**

After review of the draft copy of the minutes, Commissioner Nichols made a motion to accept the minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Renninger and passed unopposed.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Sharon Hollkamp read the monthly treasurer's report for December, 2014 and copies were made available for all people in attendance. After a discussion, Commissioner Renninger made a motion to accept as reported. Commissioner Nichols seconded the motion which then passed unanimously.

#### Warrants

Sharon Hollkamp read the monthly warrants report for December, 2014 and copies were made available for all attendees. After a discussion, Commissioner Renninger made a motion to accept as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nichols and passed without opposition.

#### **Police Report**

Police Chief Bittle reported the following;

- -2 offense reports,
  - -Theft/Shoplifting from Speedway
  - -Sexual Abuse III, Hunnington Shopping Center
- -LMPD took an overnight robbery report from Speedway,
- -1 accident report,
- -1 arrest (warrant on traffic stop),
- -5 traffic stops,
- -1 citation issued,
- -10 warnings,
- -2 license plates confiscated by order of Dept. of Transportation, and turned over to county clerk,
- -5 dispatched runs,
- -2 courtesy notices issued for garage doors left up overnight,
- -9 residents took advantage of Housewatch Program,
- -All Golden Watch residents checked on a weekly basis,
- -Both shopping centers being checked on a daily basis.
- -Helped Enterprise get an unreturned vehicle back
- -One ABC license issued to BoomBozz Pizza,
- -Work continued in preparation for accreditation that is scheduled for January 2, 2015 (Update: City passed, and is good for 5 years),
- -Sgt. Moore completed his 2014 annual training class (40 hours),
- -Vehicles

Explorer: Air Bag light still coming on intermittently

Impala: Continues to run without problems.

-Body Cameras: Looked at a model policy from League of Cities. In the coming month there is a plan to schedule a demo from the manufacturer. At the next Police Chiefs' meeting in January, this will be discussed.

Also waiting for the legislature to draft legislation on this matter.

SOP End of Year Report

-73 House Watches,

-73 traffic stops;

67 warnings, 16 citations,

1 arrest.

- -65 motorist assists,
- -8 criminal reports,
- -9 accident reports,
- -90 contacts with other agencies,
- -6 courtesy notices,
- -5 funeral watches,
- -4 directed patrols
- -Department Highlights;

All officers completed 40 hour in-service training as well as mandatory online training,

All officers completed bi-annual firearms training,

Equipment inventory completed,

ABC licenses issued,

Department cell phone established for better response times,

Scorecard completed with Ky. League of Cities, Updated SOP manual,

Yard Sale, Easter Egg Hunt and City Picnic details completed,

Hiring of 3 additional part-time officers,

Reestablished communications with other community agencies,

Updated emergency contact list with City businesses, Promotion of Officer Michael Moore to Sergeant,

Computers updated to Windows 7, and virus protection/repair installed,

Street retroreflectivity sign inventory completed,

Participated in Ky. Association of Chief of Police Conference.

New department ID cards issued,

Assisted local business with return of 4 stolen rental cars,

Property room inventoried and cleaned out,

Body armor issued to all Police Officers,

All businesses checked on a daily basis,

Golden Watch residents checked on a weekly basis.

#### **Attorney's Report**

Attorney Emery advised that in light of the new opinion from the Supreme Court, it appears that former Police Chief Redman is entitled to a Policeman's Bill of Rights public hearing. A coordinated time for that is required so that everyone is able to participate. In answer to a question from Mayor Fore, Attorney Emery said that he has not yet heard from Chris Redman's attorney. It was also pointed out by Attorney Emery that since Teresa Renninger was the Police Commissioner and involved in the work that was done to ensure accountability, she will

#### **Attorney's Report (cont.)**

have to be a witness at the hearing. This means that she will have to step down as a fact-finder and take the role of a witness leaving 4 commissioners to hear the case.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Areas of Responsibility Assignments**

In an effort to be more transparent and fair about the assignment of duties to each commissioner, Mayor Fore made the following decisions; as the only returning commissioner and her demonstration in getting the job done over the past terms, Teresa Renninger will remain as Police Commissioner. Troy Eskridge had expressed his specific interest to Mayor Fore and as a result will be the new Parks Commissioner. Both Donna Nichols and Terry McAllister stated their interest in becoming the Streets/Lights Commissioner. After a brief discussion with both explaining why they want to serve in this area, it was mutually agreed that Donna Nichols will be assigned the responsibility of Streets/Lights, and Terry McAllister would be the new Sanitation Commissioner.

# **Continental Properties Forum Update**

Mayor Fore mentioned that he received permission from the sitting Board at last month's meeting to get funds approved to hire an attorney to represent the City in the matter relating to the 'binding elements'. He asked the current Commission for the same approval. Mayor Fore has 3 attorneys in mind who have the necessary expertise and has already spoken to 2 of them. In response Commissioner Renninger made a motion to appropriate \$10,000 to do the legal work behind the preparation of the 'binding elements' concerning the Continental Properties Project, and to do the research on the 2020 Cornerstone Project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McAllister and passed unopposed.

#### **Retention/Storage Rules**

Mayor Fore advised that he is not yet prepared to discuss the retention rules for City documents or the proper location for those documents. As soon as weather permits, and he has a chance to review the documents in storage, further information will be provided to the Commission.

#### **Christmas Lights**

Mayor Fore stated that he will no longer be in charge of putting up or taking down the City's Christmas decorations. In answer to a question from Commissioner Nichols, Mayor Fore explained why flags on the street light poles would not work. In many cases, the wording on the flag would be obscured by the already existing traffic control signs.

# AT&T Approval Change & Outdoor Seating at BoomBozz

There was a brief discussion of proposed changes to the previously approved plans for the AT&T store at 1890 S. Hurstbourne Parkway (now a total of 2118 sq. ft.) and outdoor seating area for Tony BoomBozz Restaurant. Commissioner Nichols then made a motion to accept as revised the Development Review Committee's business plan, Zoning Case #14DEVPLAN1128. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Eskridge which passed unanimously.

#### **Kennedy Metro School Plans**

Commissioner Eskridge, with Mayor Fore's permission, reached out to the principal at Kennedy Metro about our City's concerns with the upcoming change to an elementary school. He was advised that there is no current staff in place or plan in place. The Kennedy School principal provided Commissioner Eskridge with contact information for Michael Raisor, Chief Operations Officer for Jefferson County Public Schools. There is a meeting scheduled with him for next Tuesday during which more specific questions will be asked. Commissioner Eskridge advised that if any resident has a specific concern, to e-mail him with the appropriate question(s) before the meeting.

#### **New Hurstbourne Acres Post Editor**

Commissioner Renninger introduced the new City newsletter editor, Sara Beth Brown.

#### **Ethics Committee**

Mayor Fore stated that he has been contacted by a couple of residents interested in being part of the Ethics Committee. He will forward their information to the new Chairman, Doug Rogers.

There being no further business or discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, Michael Bolten, City Clerk